CUBAN PERFINS

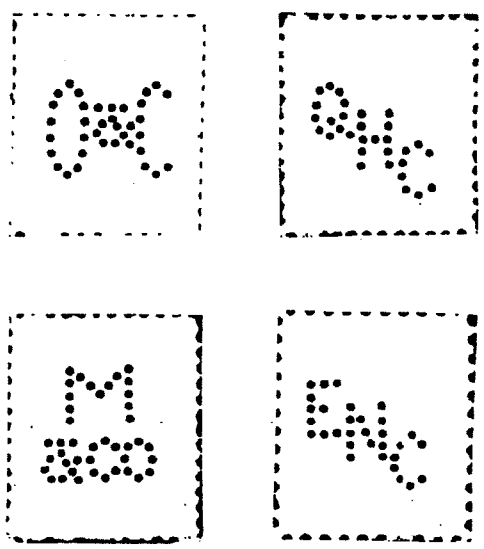
by Rudy Roy (CPC 162)

The article in the last issue of the bulletin listed twelve types of Perfins found on Cuban stamps. Since then, further research has resulted in positive identification of three, tentative identification of three, and the discovery of four additional types, for a total of sixteen types.

The positive identifications are made from covers. N/C/B is The National City Bank of New Yor, Havana Branch. RV/&/Co. is Cultural, S.A. SA/RRA is DROGUERIA SARRA, a drug firm in Havana.

The tentative identifications are: B/N/C – Banco Nacional de Cuba; DUN – Dun and Bradstree; and PD – Parke-Davis, a drug firm. The latter two identifications were from the U.S. Perfins Catalogue.

The four new types discovered are: O&C; Q/H/C; M/&Co.; and E/N/C.



As you can see, very few are now positively identified. Your help is needed! The author is researching this area as well as the perfins of all Latin America in order to publish a catalogue. If you have any information about perfins in these areas, please contact the author. If you have covers with perfins on them or any information regarding Cuban perfins, please write or send your material. I will return all material after Xeroxing. Write to me at E 4 Perry Circle, USNA, Annapolis, Maryland, 21402.

ED Note: Mr. Roy have just agreed to be the co-ordinator of research of Latin American perfins for the Perfins Club. He reports that the plan is to publish a catalogue of all Latin American perfins. Good Luck Rudy. . .

AUCTIONS - NOTES

A considerable amount of Cuba material was sold at auctions during the past quarter. Many of the better items sold well above catalogue price.

In the following prices realized, we list first the Scott catalogue number, followed by the price realized and the catalogue value in parenthesis as listed in the auction catalogue. The prices rounded to thenearest dollar.

Peter Kenedi, Inc. sold on May 17: Stampless folded letter 1848 Habana to Londo via New York for $12; No. C31 mint, $10 ($35).

The Dumont Co. sold on March 15: C16-17, $12 ($23); C24-9 with cover, $45 ($40).

In recent AFA/AAMS Auctions covers of Lindberghiana, Rockets and FAM were sold as follows: Trinidad 9/25/29 Havana, $4 ($11); FAM5 6 Cristobal 12/3/30 Cienfuegos, Rowe, $3 ($6); FDC of C2 on 2/2/28 $1 ($3); Key West-Havana (10/19/27) 11 covers signed by Caldswell, Wells, $16 ($28); Havana-Key West (10/28/27) signed by pilot Wells w/ cachet Primer Vuelo, $4 ($12); C31 on cover 10/15/39 and official cachet in black, $15 ($50).

Daniel F. Kelleher Co. has a large number of lots on May 12, including many Puerto Principe stamps: No. 178-9 pair tied on piece, $30 (—); No. 178A-179A pair with inverted surcherge, $62 ($45); No. 179B. D pair $400 ($485); No. 180-1 pair on small piece, $40 (—); No. 182, $53 ($25 plus); No. 184, $55 ($50); No. 190, $20 (—); No. 191, $25 ($15 plus); No. 198A, $33 ($25): No. 201, $33 ($30); 203A, $155 ($250): No. 204, $165 ($125); No. 205B, $110 ($75 plus); No. 217, $135 ($125); No. 220, $650 ($600); No. 224, $16 ($21); No. 226A, $1,300 (¡1,000); No. E1, $23 ($25); No. J1-45E (Specimen), $87 ($80).

Florida Stamp Auctions (Bruce Ball) sold on May 9th: Two pre-stamp ship letters 1849 and 1852 to France and Peru, $19 ($20); 1870 Stampless ship letter from Havana to New Orleans, $12 ($10); Great Britain 2Sh No. 55, Havana neat "C58", $110 ($75); Lot of 14 covers thru the "Baby Heads", $28 ($25); No. 221/26 blocks of four, $21 ($38); No. 324/31, C18/21, CE1, E8, Imperf., $7 ($23); No. 362, 363 & 366 center gutter blocks of 4, $10 ($15est); No. 547/48, 1955 xmas in blocks of 6, $26 ($96); 1960 Xmas issue three compl. sheets, $29 ($51); C31 block of four, $30 ($120); C136, 142/46 blocks of four, birds, $25 ($78); No. E4a —Center Inverted, $87 ($175).